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Fines doubled in school zones

District 12 features new speed monitoring devices

The chance that you could be the cause of a traffic accident, or the victim of one, increased recently as area schools opened for the fall session. "Everyone needs to be more alert," said Danl Hall, Chief District Engineer. "Parents taking children to school create more traffic, as do school buses, teachers and other school personnel going to work. We all need to slow down and adjust our driving to accommodate the fact that there are more people on the road, especially during the early morning and mid-afternoon hours."



We need to remember, too, Hall said, that ***fines for traffic violations in school zones are doubled***, the same as in construction work zones.

For example, if the maximum speed posted in a school zone is 35 miles per hour and a vehicle is stopped going 55 miles per hour, the fine is \$120 plus court costs. In most Kentucky counties, court costs are \$133.50 for a speeding ticket, which brings the total to more than \$250.

Thousands of students, teachers, school workers, and parents travel the roads in District 12's seven counties, which boast 85 elementary and secondary schools, not to mention more than a dozen post-secondary institutions. "For some of these students, it's their first time riding a

school bus or their first time going to kindergarten. For some, it's the first year they've had a driver's license and been able to take their own vehicle to school. They are enthusiastic, but inexperienced," Hall said.

Drive Smart Kentucky, a program of the Transportation Cabinet, encourages drivers and their passengers to buckle up and follow the rules of the road in an effort to reduce highway crashes and fatalities. A few reminders are particularly important as schools open across Kentucky:

- Always wear your seat belt and insist that your passengers do the same.
- Make sure that children are in age and weight-appropriate safety seats and properly restrained.
- Allow yourself enough time to get to work or school. Leave a few minutes earlier than usual to avoid the stress of getting to your destination on time.

Some e-mailed, some called my cell phone, some left a message on my voice mail. In all, we had six winners for last month's question: Where is Cordell, Kentucky, and who is the person born there whose name appears on signs in District 12? The answers are Lawrence County and Ricky Skaggs. The winners are Robby Thompson, Roger Tackett, Todd Moran, Keith Hill, Justin Reichenbach, and Mark Robertson. Congratulations all!

This month's question: Name the man from one of D-12's counties who helped inspire President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The first person to call and leave me a voice mail wins his/her choice of a D-12 cap or t-shirt (one winner from among folks who have computers and one from among those who don't, to make it fair). Call Sara George at 433-7791 extension 299 or on my cell phone at 424-8044! Good luck!

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Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Sidney **Grace Collins**, daughter of **Charity** and John Collins and granddaughter of **George Collins**. Sidney is 17 months old. She was hospitalized at UK on August 8 for unexplained seizures. She is back at home, adjusting to medication and facing several years of monitoring.

Welcome to **Ambria Michelle Anderson**, daughter of Gary and Shelly Harley



Anderson and granddaughter of D-12's Mike Harley, was born on March

10 in Lexington weighing 5 lbs. 10 ozs. She is the first grandchild for Mike and Mona! Congratulations!

Hello from D-12 to **Eric Grant Falls**, first child of Jason and Nancy Spooner

Falls, was born March 21 in Birmingham, Alabama. His grandmother is D-12's



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Mary Holbrook represents District at McCoy grave historic marker unveiling

Roseanna McCoy came back to Pike County pregnant with Johnson (Johnse) Hatfield's child. She stayed with her Aunt Betty and Uncle Uriah McCoy at Stringtown, on the Tug River along present-day KY 292. The baby, Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" McCoy, died in infancy from measles and pneumonia. On June 10, as part of this year's McCoy Reunion festivities, Mary Westfall-Holbrook represented District 12 at the dedication of an historic marker near the family cemetery where the baby is buried. Kentucky's Historic Highway Marker Program is a joint

venture between the Kentucky Historical Society and KYTC.

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Start of school means more traffic on roads

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- Remember that speed limits are lowered in school zones. Flashing yellow lights remind you to reduce your speed. Obey all the signs in a school zone and never pass a stopped school bus unless a law enforcement officer directs you to.
- Pay extra attention to crosswalks. Look carefully in all directions to make sure that no students are crossing or about to cross.

When you approach a school bus that is picking up children, you are required by law to stop. When the flashing lights appear on the bus and the red STOP sign extends, you must stop your vehicle.

There is one exception: When you are on

a multi-lane (four lanes or more) highway approaching a stopped school bus going in the opposite direction from you, you do not have to stop. Motorists who are in the same lanes as the school bus (going in the same direction) must stop.

Even after a school bus starts moving again, be cautious. Children might run out into the roadway or fall.

As of the August 15, 544 people have died on Kentucky's roadways in 2005. Each of us has a responsibility to be a careful driver. "Be safe out there, so that you and everyone else on the road with you gets home safely at the end of the day," Hall cautioned.

Bridge on US 119 at Canada named in memory of Ernest Cochran



Family and friends of the late Elder Ernest Cochran gathered on Tuesday, May 31, at 11 a.m. in the parking lot at Bevins Elementary School to dedicate the bridge over US 119 at Canada in his memory.

Frank Welch, Superintendent of Pike County Schools and a long-time friend of Elder Cochran, was he keynote speaker.

Mr. Cochran's sons-in-law, Elder David Crigger and Elder Ed Smith, gave the invocation and benedictions. Danl Hall, Chief District Engineer, served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Ernest Cochran was born June 3, 1917, at Canada. He died on May 22, 2003. He and his wife, the former Audrey Blackburn, were married 66 years and were the parents of seven children: Joy (Edward) Smith, Stony Cochran (deceased), June (Walter) Ferguson, Gail (Dan) Bailey, Judy (Jack) Walters, Ernie (Deanna) Cochran, and John (Dana) Cochran. In addition to the surviving children, there are 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Cochran joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1947, with membership at the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. He was ordained into the ministry in 1950 and elected moderator of the Dix Fork Church in 1963. He was also moderator of the Big Branch Church and a trustee of the Sardis Association.



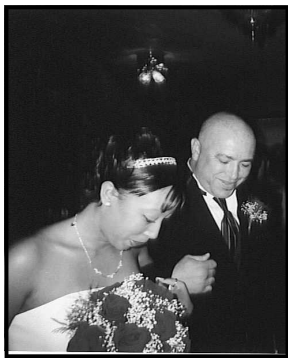
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Sara George and his first cousin is Tay, daughter of Sara's younger son, Morgan.

Congratulations to **John Dixon**, mechanic at Letcher Maintenance. He and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed Wesley Emery into the world on August 2. He weight 7 lbs. 13 ounces.

D-12's **Tyrone Habern** escorts his daughter, Jacqueline



Sheena, at her July 30 wedding to John Harold Francis Galloway Jr. Jackie is also the daughter of Susan Habern of Pikeville. A graduate of Pikeville High School and an alumna of Big Sandy Community & Technical College, she and John were married at the Church of God Militant Pillar and Ground of Truth in Pikeville. D-12's Gene Layne performed the ceremony. John is a son of Velma-lynn and Herbert Greene of Stafford, Virginia, and the late John Harold Francis Galloway. He is a graduate of Potomac High School, Dumfries, Virginia, which is where the couple is making their home.

John Sammons, whose mother died on August 18. John just lost his father in June. Marjorie Sammons was buried on August 21. Hall Funeral Home of Martin was in charge of arrangements.

Retirements Since January 1

With about 28 years at District 12, **Johnny Ray Cantrell** retired from the Johnson County Maintenance Garage on May 31. The crew had a reception for him on May 27. J.R. was Superintendent I. He and his wife, Dinah, live at Isonville, where he enjoys farming and riding motorcycles, which he now has much more time to do!

Johnson County lost **Paul Keaton** on April 5, when he retired after eight years as a welder with District 12. He's been farming his 10 acres, resting, and enjoying being at home with his wife, Frances, whom he married in 1961. "Beside every good man is a good woman," he says. They belong to the Primitive Baptist Church, where he's been a member since he was 16 and a preacher for a number of years (he's preached 477 funerals!). Their daughter, Dana (Mrs. George) Collette, is a physical therapist with two children, Charlie 19 and Jeffrey 17. Their son, Andy Paul (Jill), is an orthodontist in Pikeville with two children, Emily Ann 6 and Paul Emerson II 4.

Earl Slone retired May 5 as an HEO III from Minnie Maintenance. He worked for the state 21 years and hopes someday to travel. He has been catching up on his sport channel viewing. Earl enjoys bas-

ketball and baseball. He's been married to Renetta for 21 years and they have two children: Gabrielle 9 and Bailey 6. They live at Bill Hall Branch, McDowell.

After 27 years, **Tony Wilder** retired on June 30. He most recently served as Superintendent I at Letcher County Maintenance. He and his wife of 23 years, Karen, have two children: Sarah 21 and Nathaniel 15. Karen works at Jenkins School. He may start his own construction business. Tony belongs to the Seco Freewill Baptist Church, enjoys golf and playing softball for the church team. (He recently broke both arms in a church league softball game, which he surely did not enjoy!) He and his family live at McRoberts.

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